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Sponsors Seek Volunteers for Fun in the Sun on National Public Lands Day

A major site for celebrating the “National Public Lands Day” project this year will be the US Army Corps of Engineer’s Cochiti Lake. On Saturday, September 25, 1999, starting at 8:30am, free boat rides will be given to the first 200 volunteers who sign up for a morning of clean up along the shore and grounds of the lake.

Food, refreshments, lunch, t-shirts and other small gifts will also be distributed to the participants.

“Our project will not only involve the Army Corps of Engineers, Dave Dutton, Cochiti Lake Lead Park Ranger points out,” but also the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service and other Federal land managing agencies plus the State’s Parks, Monuments and Game and Fish Departments, all interacting with non-profit user groups like the Audubon Society.” Volunteer agencies like the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors, the Scouts and local businesses in the community are also expected to get involved.

“The participation of individual and family volunteers working on the Cochiti Lake area clean up completes a full circle of stewardship,” Dutton points out.

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Volunteers will receive a commemorative poster by famed photographer David Meunch, a certificate and tee-shirt. “We’ll even buy their lunch and provide some free entertainment,” adds Public Lands Information Center Manager, Richard Atkinson. Persons or groups wishing to participate in National Public Lands Day as volunteers or exhibitors should call Dave Dutton at 505/465-0307.

The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) coordinates the event across the country in a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Private sector partners include Toyota, the National Forest Foundation, Leave No Trace, Outdoor Life Magazine, Roundtable Associates, the Garden Club of America, Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement, and the Public Lands Foundation.

The Public Lands Information Center (PLIC) represents a partnership between the Bureau of Land Management and a non-profit cooperating association, the Public Lands Interpretation Association. NEETF is a not-for-profit organization authorized in 1990 by the Congress to connect environmental learning to subjects of major national concern such as building a greater sense of local responsibility for our public lands.

More than 5,000 volunteers and community partners contributed nearly \$500,000 worth of improvements on National Public Lands Day 1998.

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